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1. SUMMARY: SECOND COMMITTEE DEBATE ON ITEM 57, THE UN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (UNIDO) CONTINUED ON NOVEMBER 4. FIFTEEN COUNTRIES SPOKE, INCLUDING STRONG STATEMENTS, FROM TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, ITALY, THE NETHERLANDS, AND BRAZIL. THE QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION IN INDUSTRIALIZATION CONSULTATIONS WAS ADDRESSED BY ARGENTINA, VENEZUELA, AND ALGERIA. A STATEMENT WAS ALSO MADE BY THE NEW SWEDISH MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION, OLA ULLSTEN, WHO PLEDGED TO CONTINUE SWEDEN'S COMMITMENT TO LDC DEVELOPMENT (SEPTEL). END SUMMARY.

2. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT STATEMENT OF THE DAY WAS MADE BY THE DELEGATE OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. HE CLAIMED THAT THE RECENT INTERNAL REORGANIZATION OF UNIDO HAD LEFT THE UNIDO STAFF "STEEPED IN THE THROES OF READJUSTMENT, IF NOT CONFUSION" AND THAT UNIDO'S CAPACITY TO RENDER EFFECTIVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WAS "FURTHER MINIMIZED." THE DELEGATE FROM TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ALSO QUESTIONED IF UNIDO COULD IMPLEMENT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CATION OF STAFF AWAY FROM "THE TECHNICAL DELIVERY PROGRAMS TO RESEARCH AND CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES." DISCUSSING THE PRESENT INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE TALKS IN VIENNA, HE FEARED THEY WOULD NOT FINISH THEIR WORK IN THIS SESSION. HE PROPOSED THAT THE NEXT MEETING BE HELD IN NEW YORK TO ENABLE GREATER PARTICIPATION.

3. THE ITALIAN DELEGATE ENDORSED THE STATEMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND MAINTAINED THAT TWENTY NEW POSTS IN THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS WERE NOT JUSTIFIED, A POINT MADE EARLIER BY THE DANES IN THE NAME OF ALL THE NORDICS. HE SUPPORTED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION BANK AS PART OF AN OVER-ALL INFORMATION NETWORK, WHILE HOPING FOR ADDITIONAL FEASIBILITY STUDIES BEFORE ITS CREATION. ON THE PROPOSED UN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (UNIDF), THE ITALIAN URGED THAT UN SECRETARY GENERAL BE GIVEN THE AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH ITS FINANCIAL RULES.

4. THE QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION IN INDUSTRIAL CONSULTATIONS WAS ADDRESSED BY THE NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN, ARGENTINA, VENEZUELA, AND ALGERIA. VENEZUELA AND SWEDEN URGED CONSULTATIONS ON GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL; ALGERIA WANTED REPRESENTATIVES OF PRIVATE FIRMS TO BE INCLUDED IN GOVERNMENTAL DELEGATIONS; ARGENTINA HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO PRIVATE FIRMS' PARTICIPATION, AND THE NETHERLANDS FAVORED ORGANIZED LABOR AS WELL AS PRIVATE INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION.

5. BRAZIL ATTACHED THE LACK OF MARKET ACCESS FOR LDC EXPORTS IN BOTH THE CENTRALLY PLANNED AND INDUSTRIALIZED ECONOMIES. THE BRAZILIAN DELEGATE ALSO REAFFIRMED HIS COUNTRY'S INTENTION TO VOTE WITH THE G-77 IN VIENNA ON BUDGETARY QUESTIONS.

6. SWEDEN'S NEW MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION PLEDGED TO CONTINUE HIS COUNTRY'S COMMITMENT TO LDC DEVELOPMENT (REPORTED SEPTEL). SCRANTON UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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